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T. JACKSON,
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No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, April 28, 1880.

Notices of Firms.

VICTORIA FOUNDRY.

WE, the Undersigned, having purchased the Lease and Plant of the above FOUNDRY and ENGINEERING WORKS, intend carrying on BUSINESS OF ENGINEERS, IRON and BRASS FOUNDERS, &c., from this Date under the Style and Title of "FENWICK MORRISON & CO."

GEO. FENWICK,
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Victoria Foundry, Wan Chai,
Hongkong, June 14, 1880.

NOTICE.

M. C. STIEBEL has to-day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

REINS & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1880.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

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Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

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EX-REGENT ARRIVALS, AND AT VERY MODERATE PRICES.

BASS' PALE ALE, in Quarts and Pints, in Splendid Condition.

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MULSON'S CELEBRATED GERMAN VEGETABLES, PRESERVES, SAUSAGES, FRUITS, RASPBERRY VINEGAR, &c.

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Pedder's Wharf Buildings.

Hongkong, June 5, 1880.

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JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, ... \$16 per doz. Case, Pint, ... \$17 per 2 dozen.

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Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

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For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. WOOLNOUGH,

Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, May 18, 1880.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Indians and Chinese, are now

for sale at the ONE DOLLAR Price, \$1.00.

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CAUTION.

HAVING Learned that Large Quantities

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Each Bottle of the Genuine is wrapped with a pamphlet printed on paper which has the words "MURRAY & KEMP, NEW YORK" in Water Mark.

Messrs. MELOHES & Co. are our only Agents for Sale of the Genuine Florida Water at Hongkong.

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Colonial Newspapers received at the office

are regularly filed for the inspection of

Advertisers and the Public.

135, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review.

Newspaper, etc.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 5296.—July 1, 1880.]

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED Ex
"AMERICAN MAIL."

Codfish BALLS.

Pig's Head CHEESE.

Devilled HAM.

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Merritt's OLDER.

Whittaker's HAMS.

COMB HONEY in Frame and
Bottle.

Very Fine Eastern CREAM

CHEESE.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Pickled PIG FORK.

Bonaparte CODEFISH.

Salmon BELLES.

MACKEREL.

Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lbs. Tina.
Borden's Condensed MILK (very fresh).

California BISCUITS in Case and Tina.

Ginger CAKES.

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CORNMEAL.

RYE MEAL.

HOMINY, Small and Large.

Cracked WHEAT.

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SHELLBACK.

PEANUTS,

BARCELONA NUTS.

Canned Table Fruits.

Bartlett PEARS.

PEACHES.

GREENGAGES.

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QUINCES.

etc., &c.

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ROYAL BRISTOL GINGER ALE,

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TILL LOCKS,

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CUPBOARD LOCKS,

&c., &c.

American PADLOCKS, and
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CUTLERY.

Combination Champagne KNIVES,

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A Large Assortment of
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the quality for price is unsurpassed,

if not unequalled in Hongkong.

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NOVELS!!!

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SCIENTIFIC
WORKS,

&c.

Very Fine "Cable Col" TOBACCO.

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CIGARS,

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SHIPS STORES of every Description.

Hemp, and COTTON CANVAS.

RUSSIAN, MANILA, and WIRE ROPE.

SALE-MAKING, and RIGGING promptly
executed.

Hongkong, May 15, 1880.

Insurances.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....\$1,400,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....\$200,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....\$263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CRUATIONS 8 b.....\$1,913,268
April, 1880.

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Subject to a charge of 12 ½% for Interest
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any part thereof, which may be remitted by
the Underwriting Business are an
equally distributed among all Contributors to the Premiums
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 11, 1880. 10c80

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company \$1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up \$100,000 "

Reserve Fund \$120,000 "

Annual Income \$250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
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for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1880.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL.

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. O. OCEANIC will be despatched
from San Francisco via Yokohama
on WEDNESDAY, the 21st July, 1880, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central
and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 20th July.

PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 6 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.

Connair invoices to accompany Overland,

Mexican, Central and South American

Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agents of the
Company, No. 1, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 25, 1880. 1y1

THE CHINA MAIL.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

The *CHINA REVIEW*, or *Notes and Queries* on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should be papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected from the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Mathematics and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endorsements are made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Queries are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queriers) as are also those queries which though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong—Northern Christian Advocate (U.R.).

True's *Oriental Record* contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has just reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now conspicuously cultivated, and who have all cooperated in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Shi King*, by the Rev. E. J. Etel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queriers" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at Four Dollars per annum delivered in Hongkong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the guarantors and securities necessary to place it on a business-like footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan—Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese—consider themselves justified in guaranteeing an ultimate circulation of between 3,000 and 4,000 copies. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description—conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstructive in tone—in almost infinitude, it is on the one hand commands Chinese belief and interest while on the other deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners like English journals it contains Editorials with Local, Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

Subscription orders for either of the above may be sent to

GEO. MURRAY BAIN,
China Mail Office.

HOW READY.

CHENG-SHUI, or THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. KELLY. One Volume. St. Louis. \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, IN HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICE. In three Lectures. One Volume. St. Louis. Price \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment in which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

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St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's German's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East. Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Department lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Hotels.

Stag Hotel, good accommodation for visitors at moderate rates, 110, Queen's Road Central.—J. COOK, Proprietor.

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Publishers of the Largest Collection of Views in the Empire, and genre Illustrations of the Chinese.—A. PONG'S PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, 8, Queen's Road.

General Outfitter, Hosler, Tailor, &c.—T. N. DISCOLL, 45 and 47, Queen's Road, by special appointment to H.E. the Governor.

Chronometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & Co., Queen's Road Central.

Travelling Requisites of all kinds, Books, &c.—LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars.—MAC-EWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

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Watches, Jewellery, Charts, Binoculars, Optical Instruments, Mordan's Pen-cases, &c.—JOHN NOBLE, Agent for Negretti & Zambra.

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Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats. Half hour, 10 cents. Hour, 20 cents. Three hours, 50 cents. Six hours, 70 cents. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK. Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$1.00. Three Coolies, 85 cents. Two Coolies, 70 cents.

(Return direct or by Pok-foo-tum).

Four Coolies, \$1.50. Three Coolies, 1.20. Two Coolies, 1.00.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak, \$0.75 each Coolie. (2 hours) Gap, \$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, 10 cents. Half day, 35 cents. Day, 50 cents.

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1st Class Cargo Boat of 4 or 800 piculs per Day, \$3.00. 1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs per Day, 2.00.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs per Day, 1.75.

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4th Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ka Boat of 300 piculs per Day, 1.00.

5th Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ka Boat of 200 piculs per Day, 50 cents.

Boats, \$1.00.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, 1.00.

" Half Day, 50 cents.

After 6 A.M., 10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

FAIRY GOOLIES.

Scale of Fees for Fairy Goolies.

One Day, 50 cents.

Two Days, 50 cents.

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One Hour, 5 cents.

Half Hour, 5 cents.

After 6 A.M., 10 cents extra.

Nothing in the above Scales is to affect private agreements.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised June 23, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged at double trouble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packages or parcels may be sent at Book Rate. Two or more parcels must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 10 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. The Parcels for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

The public are cautioned not to con-

found these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

Most countries to which Hongkong corresponds having joined the General Postal Union or of probable about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:

1. No Letter or Parcel, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that is a general rule, liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of durable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:

Books and Papers— to British Offices, 6 lbs.; to the Continent, due, &c. Patterns— to British Offices, 5 lbs. If with intrinsic value; to the Continent, due, &c., 8 oz.

There is no charge on registered corre-

spondence within the Postal Union.

POSTAGE TO NON-UNION COUNTRIES.

General Rates, by any route—

Letters, 10 cents per oz.

Post Cards, 8 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per oz.

There is no charge on registered corre-

spondence within the Postal Union.

INDEMNITY FOR THE LOSS OF A REGISTERED LETTER.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered Correspondence, but henceforth it will be prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately that the loss was discovered, with the envelope being forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred in the custody of the Post Office administrative staff in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, or by the death, injury or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, &c., handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders at Shanghai, and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one cent for cashing them.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest Inland office. The application must be accompanied by the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Office close some hours before the departure of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed \$10, or \$50